

Abstract of Report of the Western Home Refuge.

The report commences with a description of the and buildings, which are said to be productive as t

The boys are variously engaged, in making cane seats, children's shoes and willow baskets, and some are employed on the farm and in the tailors' shop. All are diligent, contented and happy. Three hours half each day are devoted to school studies and a sufficient time is allowed for recreation.

No death has occurred among the inmates during the past year, and but few cases of sickness have been reported. The farm has yielded a fair return, although not so productive as it has sometimes been, owing to drought of the last summer.

building now completed was designed to accommodate; but it is thought the completion of additional buildings now in process of erection will provide sufficient accommodation for the inmates for years to come.

are thought to be the most efficient means of thorough reformation. The duties of the principal teacher, however, said to be arduous, and an additional assistant will be soon needed.

The amount received and to be received for the school of the boys for the year is over \$5,000. This is considered a large sum when it is remembered that the average age of the boys is only about thirteen years.

The introduction of gas into the building is recommended as a matter of economy, as well as a desirable improvement. It is the more indispensable, inasmuch as the externals are devoted to instruction, as a

and necessary means of guarding against escape, and the Superintendent of the institution is required to report to the Legislature the number of inmates, the number of escapes, and the means of guarding against escape, and the Superintendent of the institution is required to report to the Legislature the number of inmates, the number of escapes, and the means of guarding against escape.

The average age of the inmates is 13 years, 4 months and 26 days. In the list we find that 29 are 13 or under; 70 are 14 or over.

The parents of the children is as follows:—Aunts, 66; forefathers, 65; colored, 4. The commoners are, for petty larceny, 106; grand larceny, 16; burglar, 9; rape, 1; vagrancy, 2; drunkenness, 29; 91 in all. The illegitimate adopted during the year 86 five fathers living, 34 had no mothers, 21 had lost both parents, 67 had intemperate parents, and the parents of eight were separated.

The inmates who have been indentured to various trades; five have been sent to sea on whaling voyages and fifty discharged as paucity or guardians.

There have been as many as eight escapes during the year, three by the aid of the Superintendent, the two others that in consequence of the work upon the new built boards and scaffolding have been necessarily left at the grounds, affording facilities of escape which do credit to the management.

The value of the farm produce, aggregated \$101.03 84.
Out of the money left by the visitors, the balance of the fund has received..... \$10
Balance last year..... \$10
Total fund for year..... 12
Expended for books, papers, &c..... 10

Balance in hand Jan. 1, 1855..... \$10

An interesting sketch of the events occurring at Institution during the year is given in extracts from the Boston Herald, dated September 1st, 1855, which is an indication of the good feeling which prevails in the House, and of the prosperous and happy conclusion of its affairs. On extract, January 9th, is a paragraph from the same paper, containing the following, which is a proof of the benefits of an institution where the children of a tender age from the evil influences of

Under the date of July 4 we find that no "glorification day," no labor was required of the child and a general relaxation was permitted. Extra work was cut out of the journals and the "four crackers" were distributed among the boys, which speedily dispatched.

A very interesting collection of letters is appended to the report from those who have left the institution from persons who have taken children therefrom, some of which prove satisfactorily the beneficial result in a majority of cases, flow from the operation of the school, and are in the most reformatory sayings and actions and neglected children:

The teacher's report shows that there have been considerable improvements among the boys. Of these, when they entered, was a great amount of alphabet; 28 could read and spell, many of whom could read imperfectly, 28 tolerably, and 2 well. It was found that 10 of these were from the orphanage. The whole number in school on January, 1889,

One hundred and fifty-eight books have been added to the library during the year; exercises in vocal music

The prosperity of the school has been impeded by crowded condition of the school rooms; a difficulty which will be obviated by the completion of the new building in which a larger apartment is provided.

The Treasurer's report shows the following

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| Balance in bank January 1, 1854..... | \$136.10 |
| Cash for board of boy..... | 7.00 |
| Cash for labor of boys..... | 18.00 |
| Drafts on the State Treasurer..... | 16.00 |
| Total..... | \$254.10 |
| Current expenses for year..... | \$26.11 |
| Balance in bank January 1, 1855..... | \$282.99 |

Theatres and Exhibitions.
 BROADWAY THEATRE.—The grand spectacle of "Cagliostro's Relics" is still drawing large houses, and will "likely continue to do so for the season week." The manager has made no expense in producing this splendor. The performance throughout is very good, and Miss L. F. Ford's vocal

BOWERY THEATRE.—The popular dramatic and vaudeville theatre, under the management of the vaudeville actress, La Belle Adams, appears to night in the drama of "Jack Sheppard," in which she will introduce her famous horse Cinderella. The drama of the "Land of Gold" will commence the entertainment, and will close with the drama of "Kit Carson"—Mr. W. Herr as Kit Carson.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—The pieces announced for evening by Manager Burton, are the comedy of "John North Know no," in which Burton, Jordan, John

"WAGHAWA TREATY"—The new act play of "Waghawah" being now active at having done good hours' entertainment, Miss Conover will appear in her own right as Miss Conover, a particularly interesting performance of the amusements.

MENOPAUSE TREATY—A new drama titled "Menopause Treaty," which all the principal members of Wagner's dramatic company appear. The same evening will come off at the same time.

AMERICAN MUSICALS—The amusing piece "Two Feet and Two Feet" and the comedy "Living Too Fast," scheduled for the afternoon, and in the evening will have a very successful run.

GIVE THE HIGHEST MARCHES TO ALL—The talented group of instrumental players, and the "Mummy" show will benefit on Saturday evening.

BULL'S SKINHEADS—Negro melodies, a piano solo, a violin solo, and the burlesque on the opera of "Gull" are announced for this evening. Mr. L. J. Williams will benefit on Saturday evening.

DONALDSON'S OTTAWA HOUSE—Hope Chapel has tonight its large number to hear the Ethiopian choir sing of life company. The "Marquardt delirium."

THE BOSTON MILITARY DISBANDMENT.—The *Telegraph* learns that Col. B. F. Butler, of La.

gient; we presume by refusing to transmit the same and thus bringing himself before a court martial." *Telegraph* adds—it is said that Col. Butler, who is one of the most eminent lawyers in the State, has been retained to defend the constitutionality of the act of the State which gives the Governor the power which he has exercised. We believe that the Supreme Court has supervisory power over the proceedings of courts martial, so that if the reports we hear are correct, and assistance is made, the highest tribunal of the State will be called upon to give judgment. Col. Nelson, now chairman of the Committee of the Council, gave the advice to the Governor, is also a lawyer of eminence.